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1. NSN 23442 FOR OFF OF TANK AND THE W. IN THE AREA OF INTEREST WAS CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN BRIEFED. ALL EQUIPMENT OPERATED SATISFACTORY SO FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED BY PILOT INDICATIONS AND POST FLIGHT CHECKS. THE ONLY WRITE UP ON LANDING WAS SOME SLOPPINESS IN AUTO PILOT. THE ACFT IS IN COMMISSION.

2. AS YOU PROBABLY AWARE THIS WAS FIRST NSN AND HE DID A GOOD JOB UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. DUE TO DIFFICULT AREA FOR NAVIGATION AND SOME CLOUD COVER OVER EXTREME EASTERN END OF ROUTE PILOT TURNED SHORT OF POINT K AND FLT LINES K TO L, M TO N AND APPROX ONE THIRD OF O TO P WAS NOT COVERED AS BRIEFED. FORTUNATELY K TO L WAS COVERED ON ROUTE FLOWN ON SECOND SORTIE. 25X1A

THEREFORE ONLY ONE FLIGHT LINE AND A SMALL PORTION OF ANOTHER WAS NOT COVERED. WX AND NAVIGATION WAS GOOD OVER MOST OF REMAINDER OF THE AREA AND THE COVERAGE WAS MUCH BETTER

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THAN ANTICIPATED AT WX BRIEFING. PILOT ESTIMATES APPROX
70 TO 75 PER CENT COVERAGE. FEEL CONFIDENT ██████████ IS GOING
TO MAKE US A GOOD PILOT.

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3. BELIEVE THIS MSN SHOULD WRAP UP ██████████ AND WE'LL
BE BUSILY ENGAGED IN PACKING UP SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ON 21
DEC UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE. WE PROPOSE TO DEPART ON C-130
AT 22/0230Z WITH ALL PERSONNEL EXCEPT 4 MAN CARETAKER TEAM.
PROPOSE TO LAUNCH FERRY FLIGHT TO ██████████ AT 21/0130Z. 25X1A

4. ON BEHALF OF ENTIRE DET WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE
APPRECIATION FOR THE OBVIOUS EFFORTS MADE ON PART OF YOURSELF
AND STAFF TO RETURN PERSONNEL HOME BEFORE XMAS.

END OF MESSAGE

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